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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended): An electronic ticket management system comprising:

an event organizer apparatus for generating event information;

an electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus for distributing electronic ticket information via Internet that authenticates a right to attend the event, said electronic information further including a plurality of attendee information;

an information storage chip for storing the electronic ticket information;

an electronic ticket platform center for managing the distribution of the electronic ticket information,

wherein the event organizer apparatus registers the generated event information in the electronic ticket platform center;

said electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus authenticates whether the electronic ticket information is to be distributed to a user of the information storage chip by receiving a request for distribution of the electronic ticket information from the user, and registers an authentication result in the electronic ticket platform center as ticket issuing information; and

said electronic ticket platform center generates an electronic ticket information master based on the event information registered by the event organizer apparatus, and performs ticket issuing processing for writing the electronic ticket information into the information storage chip based on the ticket issuing information, said ticket issuing information being registered in the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus based on the generated ticket information master.

Claims 2-13 (canceled).

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Claim 14 (currently amended): A method for electronic ticket distribution authentication comprising:

- generating event information at an event organizer apparatus;
- registering generated event information in an electronic ticket platform center;
- receiving a request, at an electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus, to distribute electronic ticket information via Internet concerning events from a user of an information storage chip, said electronic ticket information further including a plurality of attendee information;
- performing distribution authentication processing for determining whether the registered electronic ticket information is to be distributed to the requesting user;
- registering an authentication result in the electronic ticket platform center for managing the distribution of the electronic ticket information as ticket issuing information;
- generating an electronic ticket information master and performs ticket issuing processing for writing electronic ticket information into the information storage chip based on the ticket issuing information, said ticket issuing information being registered in the electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus based on the generated ticket information master.

Claim 15 (original): An electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein an event organizer apparatus for planning an event manages an allocation ratio of the electronic ticket information.

Claim 16 (original): An electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the request to distribute the electronic ticket information from the user is sent via a network.

Claim 17 (original): An electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein an electronic ticket information distribution store terminal is provided, and the request to distribute the electronic ticket information from the user is sent via the electronic ticket information distribution store terminal.

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Claim 18 (original): An electronic ticket distribution authentication apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the electronic ticket information includes user information concerning the user of the information storage chip.

Claims 19-51 (canceled).

Claim 52 (currently amended): An electronic ticket management system using an information storage chip for storing electronic ticket information which authenticates a right to attend a specific event, the electronic ticket management system comprising:

an electronic ticket information forming unit for forming event information unique to each event, and for generating electronic ticket information in correspondence with event information, said electronic ticket information forming unit further generating an electronic ticket information master based on the event information;

an electronic ticket information writer for writing the electronic ticket information into the information storage chip via Internet, said electronic ticket information further including a plurality of attendee information; and

an electronic ticket information reader installed at an event venue corresponding to the event information, wherein said ticket information reader performs distribution authentication processing for determining whether the electronic ticket information is to be distributed to a user of the information storage chip based on the generated electronic ticket information master, and registers an authentication result in the electronic ticket information writer as ticket issuing information.

Claim 53-60. (canceled).

Claim 61 (previously presented): An event organizer apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the event information further includes a seat master concerning seat information.

Claim 62 (previously presented): An event organizer apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the event information further includes a seat master concerning seat information.

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Claim 63 (previously presented): An event organizer apparatus according to claim 52,  
wherein the event information further includes a seat master concerning seat information.